

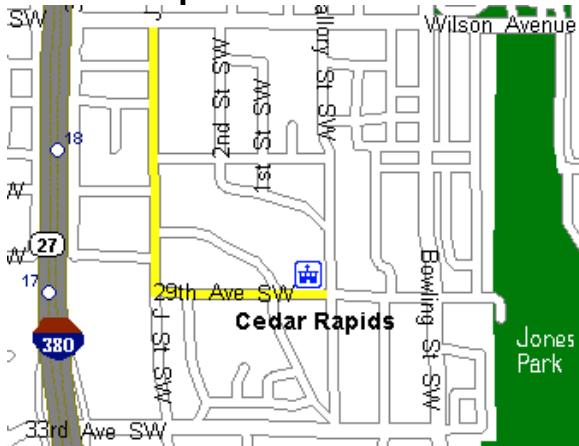


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## Hus Happenings

*Hus Presbyterian Church presents...*

# Hus Racing League



**Do you want to be a race  
car driver???**

Now's your chance!! Join the Hus Racing League (HRL)

**The Next Race is September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

This die-cast racing event is a fun, exciting, and intense family event that all will enjoy! Races start at 10 a.m., participants should arrive early to prepare. Races are held every second Saturday through November 2006.

So come, enjoy the excitement, enjoy the rush and just **HAVE FUN!**



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Mission of Hope presents ...



# HOPEFEST 2006

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

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**Redmond Park**

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## SEPTEMBER 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship Service - 9:30 AM	4 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM  	5 Quilters - 8:30AM Bible Study - 1:30 PM SW Area Neighbors meeting - 6:30 PM at Wilson School Trustee's Meeting - 7 PM	6 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Youth Group Movie Night - 5:15 PM Meal- 5:15 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8 PM	7 Pastor Prep for Spendable Prayer workshop at 1 <sup>st</sup> Presb. Church, I.C. Prayer Warriors - 12:30 PM H.S. Bible Study at Panera Bread - 5:30 PM	8	9 Hus Racing League - 9:30 AM register 10 AM races begin
10 Worship Service - 9:30 AM  	11 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM  	12 Quilters - 8:30AM Bible Study - 1:30 PM Presbytery Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, CR - 4PM Deacons - 6:30 PM	13 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 A M Meal- 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8 PM	14 Prayer Warriors - 12:30 PM Wake Up Call Leadership Summit, Des Moines 1:30 PM H.S. Bible Study at Panera Bread - 5:30 PM	15	16 Building Community by Connecting People small group conference 8 AM - 12:30 PM, Cedar Hills Community Church HopeFest 2006 3 - 7 PM
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## Transformations

**Romans 12:2: Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV)**

A short time ago I ran across my private books of writings that spanned many years, beginning on February 28, 1980, when my first entry appeared. I was 39, married, with two children and three stepchildren. My good friend had given it to me as a gift and suggested that I write my thoughts, dreams, concerns or whatever. I was excited to have a book with clean blank pages, ready to be filled. A bit like a child feels to receive a new box of crayons with no worn down points or broken bits (yes, I know this dates me!).

As I read back through the pages, I realized that I just seemed to write whenever I was burdened and was wrestling with a problem or was feeling really low. What struck me was that as I continued to write in each entry, it seems I was working through whatever was bothering me, just by having written it down and being brutally honest. By the end of the writing, my spirits had actually been lifted and I was praising God for His goodness and blessings. Even my handwriting had changed. I hadn't really started out writing to anyone, but this is how my letters to the Lord first began.

After filling up the first book, I went half way into another. I found I wasn't writing in it as often and wondered if I was just too busy, or if I no longer needed to find my way in this manner any longer. Perhaps I discovered that I could just always go directly to The Source. It seemed the Lord been teaching me through every stroke of my pen. My last entry was June 9, 1997. That's not when my problems stopped - just the entries.

I do know that I wrote several letters that were never mailed, because they were never meant to be mailed. Just in the writing, I had received insights and a new attitude and direction. These letters are also placed between the pages. So much of our lives seem to be lived between the pages of our days.

It's interesting to reflect back on just how the Lord worked throughout these years. There were no major miracles, but many small ones that had to do, not with changing my circumstances or other people, ***but through changing ME!***

Our Lord is all about change! Changing our hearts, minds, attitudes, reactions, the way we look at everything and everyone! Why should we be surprised when the scriptures tell us over and over that we can be transformed from the inside out when we are willing to give up control of our lives to Him. It's only then that He can begin and continue the work in us. Since WE are The Church . . . when WE change, the church changes and that's where the real impact lies.

*Marcia Funcke*



## Birthdays for September!

4	Seth Jackson
5	Doug Page
	Jenny Zahradnik
6	Christopher Ransom
7	Christian Wenger
8	Lovina Clark
9	Laura Abney
10	George Swenka
	Lori Cranston
12	Erin Balog
14	Lottie Louvar
	Mary Landergott
16	Dawn Wheat
	Patricia Roethlisberger
17	Don McDill
18	Arline Ewing
19	Madison Cranston
20	Shirley Neuhaus
21	Jill Brimeyer
23	Eric Rod
	Lauren Stevens
24	Wayne Stahle
28	Bernice Carnahan
29	Esther Cerveny



WE REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11



## Anniversaries this month!

2	M/M Charles Tichy	39
3	M/M Harold Skripsky	60
8	M/M George Wheat	
19	M/M Francis McLaskey	36
20	M/M Larry Hess	26
21	M/M Mike Hebert	38



## **Check us out online!**

If you have access to a computer, go to  
[www.huschurch.org](http://www.huschurch.org)



Transportation for September,  
please, contact Anne McDill  
at 396-1216 before Sunday morning.

## **Thoughts about Sept. 11**

The preacher, Dr. Thomas Lane Butts, took his grandson to New York City in 2003. Dr. Butts took the boy to see where the World Trade Center had been. They were both emotionally affected by what they saw and what they remembered. Later the grandfather wrote:

"As we stood on the edge of that huge hole, we were suddenly struck by the realization that we were standing on and near the unidentified remains of some 3,000 victims. It was a solemn moment. It all came back! I was struck by two powerful emotions: profound sadness and profound anger. As tears welled in my eyes, I mumbled things which I hope my grandson did not hear."

Dr. Butts went on to write about our inability to understand the actions of the cruel-hearted perpetrators of the unspeakable disaster. Yet he suggested that we must try to understand the source of such hatred for political, religious and practical reasons. Radical religious and national fundamentalism should not cause us to respond in kind.

He writes, "Two sure ways to lose the battle against terrorism: to cringe in paralyzing fear, or to let [terrorist] ways become our ways."

—Excerpts from The Mobile Register

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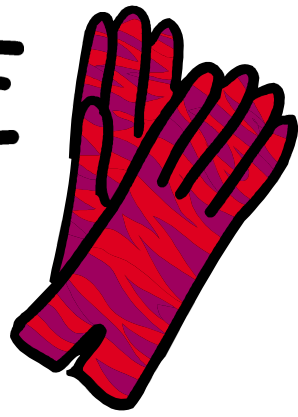


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# RUMMAGE SALE



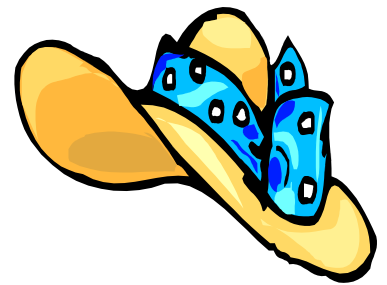
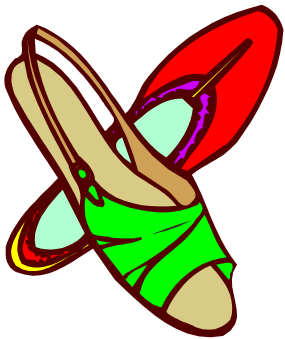
**October 5th - 7th**



**Thursday, October 5th : 8 AM – 4 PM**

**Friday, October 6th : 8 AM – 4 PM**

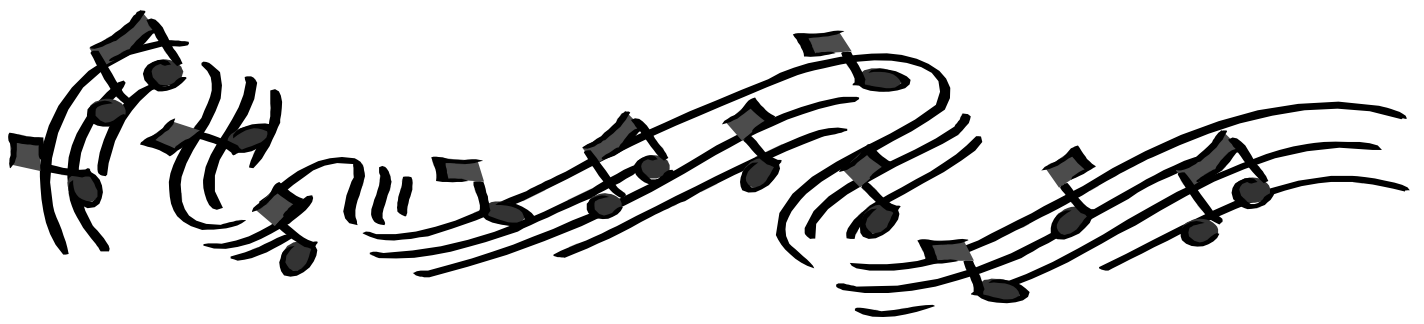
**Saturday, October 7th : 8 AM - 12 PM**



Start cleaning out your closets for our rummage sale coming in October. You can start bringing your rummage to the church on September 17th. This will be a rummage and bake sale. Please contact Eleanor Harville or Karla Zahradnik to sign up to help!







# Special Choir Music Sunday, September 10th (during worship service)

Please come and hear the choir perform the cantata,  
“El Shaddai”, written by John & Patti Thompson.

This cantata is the view of God through three biblical  
people’s eyes (Abraham, Moses and Mary).





# WANTED

## CHOIR MEMBERS



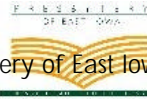
- Positions Open: Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. No others need apply!
- Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical note part across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see director from twenty feet away.
- Experience: No application accepted who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the shower or tub.
- Wages: Satisfaction and joy in God's service.
- Fringe Benefits: Social Security (we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir).
- Hours: Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at the above wages).
- Vacation: Missed rehearsals and worship services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares and pointed remarks of the director.
- Rehearsals: Every Wednesday at 6:45 PM in the choir room.
- Apply: By attending and rehearsals of the season.



**COME AND JOIN US IN MUSIC MINISTRY AT HUS!**

Everyone is welcome. Remember this.... if only the birds with the best voices ever sang what a quiet forest it would be.





The Presbyterian of East Iowa Presents

This workshop addresses issues at the very core of any congregation's life with God. It won't be effective if only the Stewardship Committee attends.

**Pastors and elders should see it as a major priority.**

**Presented by  
Dick Craft,  
Associate for Stewardship  
for PC(USA)**



A workshop for the spiritual leaders of congregations and Stewardship Committees.

## **SPENDABLE PRAYER**

Saturday, September 30th,  
9:30 – 3:30

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1285 3rd Ave., Cedar Rapids

\$45/person  
\$35/person for groups of 3 or more

Registration forms are online at [www.peia.org](http://www.peia.org) or call 319-354-9220 to have a form mailed.

These topics and more will be covered:

- **Giving is Praying.** This is no gimmick for church fundraising, but rather a Biblical approach rooted in our faith, and a crucial part of every Christian's spiritual life.
- **Stewardship is everything you do after you say "I believe".** The workshop focuses on stewardship (including financial stewardship) as a matter of faithful, joyful discipleship.
- **Faith, Hope and Hilarity.** Since "God loves a hilarious giver: [1 Cor. 9:7], maybe it's a sin to approach financial commitment grudgingly or under compulsion. This workshop helps restore the joy of giving and banishes grumpy, guilt-ridden fundraising.
- **Is there a cure for Affluenza?** Some of us are beginning to acknowledge that our society's preoccupation with money and possessions is a spiritual problem for us. The church can, and should, help — drawing on the abundant resources of scripture.
- **If you do an annual campaign, is it faithful? Does it work?** We'll tell you about some powerful approaches to funding the congregation and the wider church. We'll show you resources. You'll be able to choose the next steps for your church and its leaders, and you'll know why.
- **The Bible tells me so.** The workshop will include a wealth of biblical resources — not just proof texts or verses to make people feel guilty about money — but resources rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ and the joy of discipleship.

*"This workshop has energized our whole congregation like nothing else in recent years."  
—Stewardship Chairperson, 2000 member church*

*Dick's presentations are such fun and so engaging that the day flew by—then we realized how much we'd learned!  
—Pastor, 80 member church*

# Building community by connecting People



*A Fresh Vision for Changing Lives*

## 2006 Small Groups Conference

**Saturday, September 16  
8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.  
Cedar Hills Community Church  
Cedar Rapids, IA**

Hosted by:



Cedar Hills  
Community Church



Cedar Hills Ev.  
Free Church



For small  
group leaders &  
anyone investigating  
small group  
leadership

## Three Trees

Once there were 3 trees on a hill in the woods.

They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the 1st tree said, "Someday, I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems and be decorated with intricate carvings. Everyone would see my beauty."

The 2nd tree said, "Someday, I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of other world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally, the 3rd tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time, and people will always remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. One came to the 1st tree and said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter," and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the 2nd tree, one of the other woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The 2nd tree was happy, because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the 3rd tree, the tree was frightened, because it knew that, if it is cut down, its dream would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree, so I'll take this one," and he cut it down.

When the 1st tree arrived at the carpenter's, he was made into a feed box for animals, placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The 2nd tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The 3rd tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth, and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree.

The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose, and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said "Peace," and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets, and the crowd mocked the man who was carrying it. Finally, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that, when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined.

We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best. Sometimes the heart sees what the eyes can't.





# Rotational Sunday School Exploring God's World

## Jacob and Esau!

The Rotational Sunday School will start the year with the story of Jacob and Esau. The story is found in several parts of Genesis (Gen. 25:19-34, Gen. 27:1-35, Gen. 27:41-43, Gen. 29:15-30, Gen. 31:1-3, Gen. 32:3-7 and 22-30, Gen. 33:1-4). As you can see, it covers a lot of area! We'll concentrate on the relationship between the brothers. How each of them messed up, but God was still with them. In the end, they reconciled and forgave each other. God knows our weakness, and He is forgiving. He accomplishes His good and wonderful plans through us, even when we mess things up. We will also talk about "blessings" traditionally given to the eldest son and how hasty decisions may change your life. Jacob showed a hope for the future that Esau didn't. It is important in the history of the church to learn that Jacob's name is changed to Israel and he is the father of the 12 tribes of Israel.

Look ahead to our  
next Lesson:  
**Solomon Builds a  
Temple!**

Youth in 7th Grade  
through High School  
will meet in the Youth  
Room for Sunday School  
with Marcia,  
Terry and Diane.

## The Stations:

**Imagination Island:**  
Creative Art

**BIBLE BROADWAY:**  
Drama

**Movies on the Mount:**  
Video

**SCRIPTURE  
SAFARI:**  
Bible Exploration

**POLAR P.C.:**  
Computers

Please invite friends  
and family to this  
new way of doing  
Sunday School!

The Rotation Model redesigns the classrooms into creative kid-pleasing workshops (stations) that teach Bible stories. Groups of students rotate to new stations each week for a 5 week "rotation" period. During that 5 week period *only one* Bible story is taught. Every rotation, every week is focused on learning that one Bible story.

**Where will my  
Child be each  
week?**

*Meet at 11am in Fellowship Hall*

**9/10:** PreSchool through 3rd  
Graders will be at  
Imagination Island &  
4th-6th Graders will be at  
Movies on the Mount

**9/17:** PreSchool through 3rd  
Graders will be at  
Scripture Safari & 4th-6th  
Graders will be at  
Imagination Island

**9/24:** PreSchool through 3rd  
Graders will be at Polar  
P.C. & 4th-6th Graders  
will be at Scripture Safari

**10/1:** PreSchool through  
3rd Graders will be at  
Bible Broadway & 4th-6th  
Graders will be at Polar  
P.C.

**We Still need  
HELP!!**

Anyone interested  
in leading the  
Polar P.C. Room?  
(Playing  
computer games)  
Let Michele Raim or  
the Office know.



## **Espressly Encouraging Evenings**

Giving back to our neighborhood some of the support you've given us, Coffee Talk Café will donate 10% of all sales made each Tuesday from 3:00 – 9:00 PM, to a local non-profit group.

This month we are encouraging:

**BOOM**

**Believing On Our Master**

(Hus Presbyterian Church Youth Group)

“We’re making our Coffee Talk!”

319-363-4273

37 Kirkwood Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids IA 52404

M-Th: 6am-9pm, F: 6am-11pm, Sat: 7am-3pm





# Believing On Our Master

September 2006



Hi All,

A couple of weeks ago I saw a t-shirt with a message that was not necessarily offensive, but it definitely had several subliminal meanings.

*"If I don't remember it, it didn't happen. - Levis Strauss Signature"*

I don't remember saying this or that. I don't remember doing that. On the more extreme side is when people get so drunk they do not remember things. They do not remember driving home, running that stop sign, speeding, hitting that pedestrian.

That started me thinking about how some people think of faith:

*"If I can't see it, it must not be real."*

*"If you can't prove it, it must not be real."*

There are several definitions for faith in the Merriam Webster Dictionary. The first is an "allegiance to duty or a person." The second is a "belief and trust in and loyalty to God, belief in the traditional doctrines of a religion, firm belief in something for which there is no proof, complete trust." The third is "something that is believed especially with strong conviction; especially: a system of religious beliefs <the Protestant faith>."

People have faith in a lot of things. Children have faith that their parents are going to take care of them. Nations have faith that their government will take care of them. St. Augustine said "Crede, ut intelligas" ("Believe in order that you may understand"). We believe that those who teach us are guiding us in the right direction. If they do not, we can be led astray which can cause any number of problems. On August 2<sup>nd</sup> I read an article in the *Times Online* (Britain) titled *Schools told it's no longer necessary to teach right from wrong* by David Charter, Chief Political Correspondent. Although this is not a headline for something that is going on in the United States it is still extremely alarming. Teachers in the UK have supposedly been bothered by being told that they are to teach right and wrong to students. They state that doing this is just a given. There is a reason that we have requirements to do things like that. There are already studies of youth that show that truth is only relative to their situation, an authoritative interpretation so to speak. I thought teachers were supposed to be laying the foundation for the rest of their students' lives. Kids need this and teachers should be required, in writing to provide it. If for no other reason than to make sure the teachers remember to do it. Could you imagine if parents decided they do not have to teach their children right from wrong? Unfortunately there are parents who do not do this. Parents should be the first ones to teach right from wrong to their children.

In preparing this month's newsletter I read Hebrews 11. This chapter of Hebrews begins "<sup>1</sup>Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible." Verse 2 is completed at the end of the chapter in verses 39-40: "<sup>39</sup>These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. <sup>40</sup>God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect." All of those who are spoken of were "commended for their faith." They had this faith even though they never got what was promised to them. I wonder how they would have fared in today's world. I think that our world challenges faith more than it ever has. We live in a world where people want absolutes, people have to see it to believe it. This sounds a lot like Thomas. He was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them and even though they told him that they had seen Jesus he refused to believe because he had not seen Jesus. When Thomas finally did see Jesus he still had to touch him before he believed. Jesus calls us to believe even though we do not see. Jesus tells us this in John 20:29: Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

I am one of those that has to be able to explain it all. When I first started doing Bible studies I tried to answer every question. If I did not know the answer I read and read until I had something. That is when I discovered that it is impossible to answer every question and that I was going to have faith no matter what. Since then my faith has continued to grow. As it grows I begin to understand things that I did not before. As it grows I know that there are some questions that I am going to have to wait until I get to heaven to ask. I cannot see it or prove it, but I know that my faith is real. Do you?

Because of Him,

Terry

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)



# Believing On Our Master

September 2006



## Upcoming Meetings


September:

- Join us on the 6<sup>th</sup> for movie night beginning at 5:15 PM. This would be a great night to invite some friends, just let us know how many are coming so we can make sure that we have enough to eat (please be sure to bring \$3 to help cover the cost of the meal). Are you part of another youth group? Have your youth leader get a hold of us; we would love to have you join us!
- On the 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and the 27<sup>th</sup> we will worship and fellowship from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.
- Confirmation begins September 17<sup>th</sup> and will be every other week from 2 - 3:30 PM.

*Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.*  
*The movie scheduled to be shown could change without warning due to availability.*

## Upcoming Concerts/Events

September

9 <sup>th</sup>	Hus Racing League. Youth work in the kitchen from 9:30 AM - 4 PM.	 Confirmation begins Sept. 17th.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday school starts. 11 AM	
16 <sup>th</sup>	HopeFest - Redmond Park on 3rd Ave. SE	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation begins. Will be every other Sunday from 2 - 3:30 PM.	
24 <sup>th</sup>	\$50 Mission Trip (2007) deposit due. More information is being mailed out.	
27 <sup>th</sup>	See You at the Pole. 7 AM at the flag pole at your school.	
30 <sup>th</sup>	'The Don't Conform Tour' with Barlow Girl, Matthew West, and Downhere is coming to Eastern Iowa at McElroy Auditorium in Waterloo	

**Every Monday:** Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from where ever you are.

**Every Wednesday:** Marion High School Bible Study  
 7:30 AM at Marion High School.

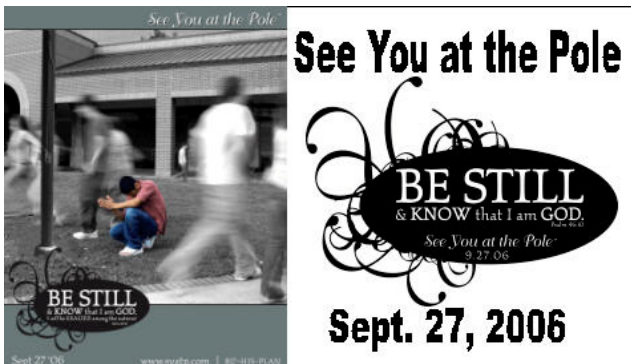
**Every Thursday:** High School Bible Study  
 5:30 PM at Panera Bread on the Collins Road NE.  
*Times subject to change.*

## A conversation with God

Dear God,

*Jesus tells us in Matthew 13:31-32, ""The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches." Our faith is like that. Lord, help us to nurture our faith just as the tiny, nurtured mustard seed so that it can become as strong as a tree. We thank you and we praise you in Your Son Jesus' precious name.*

Amen!



## Camp Wyoming Fall Retreat

"Piercing the Darkness" The Warrior and Warfare Armor of God

At this time of year (Halloween) we want to provide a safe, Jesus loving and Jesus sharing message to encourage you in this time of uncertainty. We want you to have the tools to wear the Armor of God to protect you from anything NOT Godly and encourage you to stand up for Jesus with the authority we have been given. Come and join us with youth groups from around Cedar Rapids! There will be great lessons, workshops, games, food, fellowship and time with God.

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take YOUR stand against the devil's schemes."*  
 Ephesians 6:10-11

**When: Friday, October 27th-  
 Sunday, October 29th, 2006**



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But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)